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SUBJECT: DATA ON SSOD LIMIT/HIGHWAY FATALITIES

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1. ITALY DECREED ESTABLISHMENT OF SUPERHIGHWAY SPEED LIMIT OF 120 KM/HOUR (PREVIOUSLY THERE WERE NO RPT NO SUPERHIGHWAY SPEED LIMITS) AND RURAL HIGHWAY LIMIT OF 100 KM/HOUR IN WAKE OF 1973 ENERGY CRISIS. HOWEVER, LIMITS WERE NEITHER POSTED NOR SERIOUSLY OBSERVED; ENFORCEMENT WAS ALWAYS LAX BUT WAS BLOCKED ENTIRELY BY JUDICIAL RULING THE PENALTIES COULD NOT BE ASSESSED WITHOUT FIRST POSTED LIMITS. WHILE OTHER FACTORS MAY HAVE COMBINED TO REDUCE AVERAGE SPEEDS (I.E. SHARPLY INCREASED GASOLINE), EMBASSY DOES NOT RPT NOT BELIEVE THAT ANY CHANGES IN AUTOMOBILE FATALITY RATE CAN BE CORRELATED WITH SPEED LIMIT CHANGES.

2 SPEED LIMITS IN URBAN AREA WERE NOT GHANGED.BEAUDRY

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